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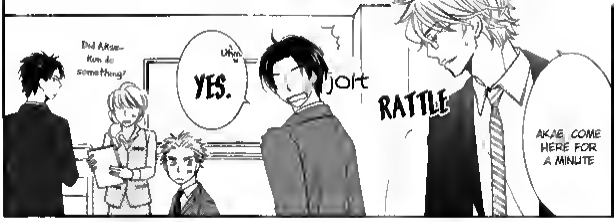
Nagamine,
as per the director's order, you'll be present at the reception next Wednesday
I DON'T WANT TO
KONDO THE NEW DIRECTOR OF SC MACHINERY NOMINATED YOU PERSONALLY
I SAID IT WAS AN ORDER
Hm so Kondo-san was installed as the director?
I'll go, I'll go He's fun to talk to
YOU...
Didn't I tell you it was an order?
In that case you can also bring that "favorite" of yours
WHAT?
OH

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED
I THOUGHT THAT TOO
BY THE WAY AKAE CONFESSED TO ME A WHILE AGO
shrug
What?
I thought your "devilish" side didn't work on him
...
WHOA!
That was really loud.
Hey
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, AKAE-KUN?
Mutter
I'M FINE
Bump
OUCH!


Did Akae-kun do something?
Uhm...
YES.
jolt
RATTLE
AKAE, COME HERE FOR A MINUTE

OH, I LEFT MY CELLPHONE IN MY BAG
THEN WRITE IT DOWN
LET'S EXCHANGE PHONE NUMBERS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES
HUH?
UHM, CHIEF...
CLOSE

HERE EXCHANGE
YES
He seems to have a lot of fun.
HE'S REALLY NEVER FALLEN IN LOVE?

WHAT'S UP?
I WAS JUST WONDERING WHY YOU AGREED
Hehe
LET'S SAVE IT RIGHT AWAY
DID YOU THINK YOU'D BE REJECTED?
ACTUALLY
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER FALL FOR ANYONE...
OH
YOU MEAN MY "DEVILISH" SIDE?
SHOCK

GEEZE.
I'M SORRY. I SAID SOMETHING WEIRD.
DAMN
THERE'S NO WAY HE'S COMFORTABLE WITH SUCH RUMORS ABOUT HIMSELF
DO YOU?
YOU'VE CAUGHT YOURSELF AN OLD MAN ALMOST IN HIS FORTIES
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT "DEVILISH" MEANS.
!?
GUFFAW
Ahahaha!!
You're really GOOD.
I'm really impressed with how you changed your left
I'm very sorry
THAT'S TRUE.

Hehe, my stomach hurts.
YOU ASKED WHY I AGREED?
thump
IT LOOKED LIKE IT WOULD BE FUN ♡
IRRESPONSIBLE
Hehe
YOU PIQUED MY INTEREST, SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO GO OUT WITH YOU.
CAN YOU ACCEPT THAT?
TAP
OH YEAH
Then say so from the start
WHAT AM I THINKING!?
CHIEF, THE TRUTH IS-
knock knock
CHIEF? THERE'S A PHONE CALL FOR YOU
Oh
I'M BEING CALLED.

.....
CLICK
Well then, continue with whatever you've been doing until now!
It's getting harder to tell him.
THIS IS BAD I NEED TO TELL HIM THE TRUTH AND APOLOGIZE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
Eep!
!
FROM: Shiroki Kaho
I'll be waiting at 8 p m at Excelmor at the Usaka station
Beep
HM?
OH RIGHT THE PHONE NUMBER
RATTLE
I should just save it to my phone
Have you had lunch yet?
Chie?
Er- excuse me...
stride
stride
LAST TIME I LEFT WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN IT TO HER

I CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO GO...
USAKA STATION
8 P.M
I'VE HAD DINNER ALREADY SHOULD I HEAD HOME?
clamor
clamor
HM?
EXCELMIOR CAFFÉ

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE WE COULD'VE SPOKEN ON THE PHONE
IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO GET HOME, RIGHT?
※ Third station from Hanakaya, a transfer station (It's big.)
SILENCE...
IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT'S THE SAME LINE.
But it takes 50 minutes...

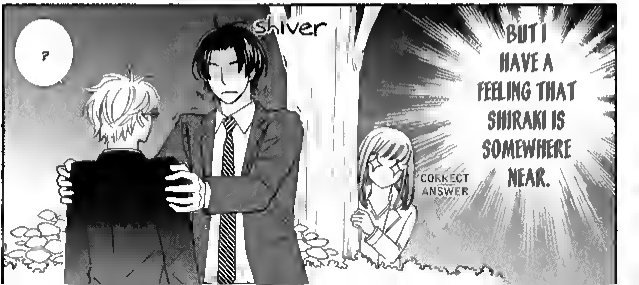
ISN'T IT GOOD?
DOES IT MEAN YOU ACCEPT IT?
HUH?
HE SAID THAT YOU'D START AS FRIENDS
WHA...!?
THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT LOVERS YET
SHI-
CLATTER
!?
shriek
URGH...
YOUR PHONE'S RINGING...
FROM: Nagamine_Yukiji
I'm still at Usaka station. Are you already cheating on me?

look
look
WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?
FROM Nagamine Yukiji
If that's not the case, come meet me right away
http://maps.google.c
*Link to a map attached
FROM Nagamine Yukiji
Were you making fun of me?
FROM Nagamine Yukiji
You refused my invitation because you were working overtime
WHOA!
HUH?
WAIT...
dash
SORRY, SHIRAKI
I GOTTA GO!
AKAE!

GOOD GOOD SO YOU CAME
step
CHIEF!
haa
...HUH?
kiss
thump

WHAT...?
WAS THIS JUST A JOKE? OR DID YOU MAKE A BET?
!
I WAS A BIT HAPPY WHEN SOMEONE LIKE YOU CONFESSED TO ME.
OW! IS IT OVER ALREADY?
SHOCK
!

I'M PROBABLY NOT WRONG,
NO HANG ON.
OH
OH RIGHT! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO APOLOGIZE!
ERRR, CHIEF.


?
Shiver
CORRECT ANSWER
BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT SHIRAKI IS SOMEWHERE NEAR.

OUTSIDE IS NO GOOD WE NEED TO GET SOMEWHERE PRIVATE
CHIEF, WILL YOU COME TO MY PLACE?
whisper
NO! I WON'T DO ANYTHING!
WHAT? WE'RE NOT GONNA DO IT?
AH, NO.
IF YOU SAY IT WITH SUCH A DESPERATE VOICE I'LL GET TURNED ON
HUH? RIGHT NOW? BUT SINCE IT'S A WEEKDAY, IT'LL BE TOO MUCH FOR MY BODY
CAN'T WE DO IT ON THE WEEKEND?
HUH?
SO TODAY WE'LL DO JUST THIS
ROGER
weary
THEN, THE WEEKEND, PLEASE...

CHIEF, I'M SORRY.
GRAB
WELL...
I CAN'T RUN AWAY NOW.
shuffle
!
!
HNN BITTER
kiss
OH, IS IT FROM A CIGARETTE?
kiss
NN...
...
WH-IT BRAND WAS IT AGAIN?
HE WAS SMOKING EARLIER.

gasp
HANG ON..
AKAE!
NN...
HE'S SLENDER, BUT HIS BODY IS PRETTY FIRM
HE'S NOT AS DELICATE AS HE LOOKS
step step
HUH?
YOU'RE GOING OVER-BOARD!
STOP IT, IDIOT!
OH...
BLUSH
I don't get it.
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
GEEZE
wipe

gulp
UWAH...
HE'S CUTE..
NO THERE'S NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR...
After all I started it
I'M SORRY!!
THIS IS BAD. I WAS COMPLETELY IN A DAZE...
PUSH
turn
I'M GOING HOME
HANG ON! THAT'S WRONG!
WHAT THE HELL!? IMPOSSIBLE!
HE'S A MAN 10 YEARS OLDER AND MY SUPERIOR GET A GRIP!
IF WE STAY TOGETHER ANY LONGER, I'LL WANT TO DO IT
HUH?
CHIEF!?

WAIT PATIENTLY UNTIL THE WEEKEND.
FROM: Shiraki Kaho
I didn't see anything! Next time you have to give me a proper explanation! Stupid Akae! !
...
JUMP
OH GOD
HOW DID IT ALL COME TO THIS?

And
FRIDAY.
THERE WAS NO TIME TO APOLOGIZE AND IT'S ALMOST WEEKEND
I feel bummed out
WOBBLE
TAKEUCHI, THE SALES MANAGEMENT DATA
OOPS, HE'S ON THE PHONE
WAIT A MINUTE PLEASE WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YES... YES... UNDERSTOOD.
I'M HANGING THE PHONE UP. CHECK IT AGAIN, PLEASE.
AKAE-SAN!
IS THERE A PROBLEM?
GLOOOOOM
ahaha...
IT SEEMS THAT DUE TO THE OTHER PARTY'S MISTAKE, THE PARTS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DELIVERED TO THE TOKYO PORT WERE LOADED ONTO A SHIP HEADING TO OSAKA...

I'LL GO INFORM THE CHIEF. WE ALONE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT
step
I'LL COME WITH YOU
step
I'M SORRY THAT WOULD REALLY HELP ME
I SEE
And on top of it just when everyone's out
THAT'S REALLY A PROBLEM
WELL WE'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
rattle
CLAP
WE'VE GOT AN EMERGENCY
EVERYONE WHO HAS NO WORK COME HERE

IT'S A PROBLEM OF TRUST, HUH?
YES.
SHOULD WE ASK THE KANSAI OFFICE FOR SUPPORT?
clack
Yeah.
BUT WE GOTTA DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
I'M SORRY I'M COUNTING ON YOUR HELP!
WELL, IT'S NOT TAKEUCHI'S FAULT
BUT IF IT'S OSAKA PORT, HYOGO IS CLOSER.
OH, THE OSAKA OFFICE IS IN SUITA.
APART FROM THE OSAKA AND HYOGO OFFICES
SUMINOE ALSO HAS A STOREHOUSE.
Haha!
NO NEED TO SEARCH FOR THE INFORMATION
HUH? THEY HAVE IT ALL IN THEIR HEADS!?
YES.
IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN DRIVE A TRAILER HERE?
HM, THE WORST SOLUTION WOULD BE THE LAND ROUTE
In the OC...
* OC: Overseas Cargo

Heh
THAT'S AMAZING

OH, SEKI-SAN, CAN YOU BRING THE WHITE-BOARD?
YES.
BUT THAT, OF COURSE, IS NOT A REALISTIC PLAN.
Only when bad comes to worse.
NO. I THINK IT'S SUPER DIFFICULT.
Every one used to work in a storehouse.
HUH? IS IT SO EASY TO GET A TRAILER LICENSE?

ONCE YOU HAVE THAT, YOU'LL HELP NATSUME-SAN
YES
AKAE CHECK THE SITUATION IN THE BRANCH OFFICES GET THE EXACT NUMBER AND SIZE OF THE CONTAINERS
NATSUME-SAN GET THE WESTERN OFFICES TO HELP US AND FIND A DRIVER
YES
ALL RIGHT

I'LL COORDINATE WITH THE SHIFTING COMPANY AND TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM.
KOJIMA-SAN, INFORM THE MAIN OFFICE AND ASK THEM FOR THEIR OPINION
ROGER
I'M SURE YOU CAN DO THAT
YES!
TAKEUCHI, TRY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE MANU-FACTURER TO HAVE THE PARTS DELIVERED TO OSAKA.
IF IT'S NOT POSSIBLE, HAVE THE DEADLINE PUSHED, BUT ONLY PUSHED!
YES!
SILENCE...
RECORD EVERY CHANGE ONTO THE WHITE BOARD
ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?
THEN I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
DIS-MISSED!
YES!
Heh

BOTH THE ASSIGNMENTS AND THE CONTENT OF THE INSTRUCTIONS
AMAZING
IT TOOK HIM LESS THAN 10 MINUTES TO ORGANIZE EVERYTHING
creak
AND SO QUICKLY TOO
WERE DONE ACCURATELY AND WITHOUT HESITATION
THAT'S A GOOD ENOUGH REASON FOR PEOPLE
... TO ADMIRE HIM

phew
ALL RIGHT!!
Oh
WE'RE OUT OF THE WOODS
WE CAN DELIVER THE PARTS TO THE OSAKA PORT!
Ahahaha!
THANK YOU!
GRAB
YOU DID IT, TAKEUCHI!
I'M LEAVING FOR OSAKA
They said Saturday was impossible but I got appointment first thing in the morning
WAIT I'LL COME WITH YOU
HM?
What's th
fuzzy

Have a safe trip.
YES
KOUJIMA-SAN I'LL LEAVE YOU TO HANDLE THE MATTERS HERE
WE STILL CAN MAKE IT TO THE LAST NOZOMI SHINKANZEN
TAKEUCHI, WILL YOU BE READY TO LEAVE IN 30 MINUTES?
YES

I'M GOING TO WASH MY FACE AND HAVE A QUICK SMOKE
stagger
AH...
THAT REALLY GAVE ME A SCARE.

STIMU-LATING??
RIGHT?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN IT. IT'S SO STIMULATING...
WHAT DO YOU SAY, AKAE?

ISN'T OUR CHIEF COOL?
Ahaha!
You're harsh.
Today!
YES.
TODAY I PROBABLY FELL FOR HIM A BIT

splash
splash
step step
HM?
CHIEF

OH YEAH OUR PROMISE FOR TODAY

AH...
THUD
AKAE!
OH...
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD DO IT RIGHT NOW
hug hug
Ba-thump

nuzzle
nuzzle
BUT TODAY IS IMPOSSIBLE
Ba-thump
Ba-thump
HEY
Ba-thump
HUH?
!
WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE A RAIN CHECK.
kiss
Ba-thump
HUH?
step
part
I'LL CALL YOU LATER.
Ba-thump
WHAT...?

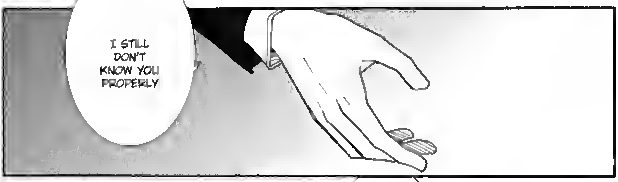
WHOA...
I CAN'T BE...?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
To be Continued

SO HIDE OVER THERE
I'LL BRING HIM HERE.
ALL RIGHT
HUH..?

step
CHIEF.
BEEZ.
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
WHAT KIND OF PREDICA MENT

...DID I GET MYSELF INTO?
I LIKE YOU. CHIEF. WON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME?
IF I DO THIS EVEN SHIRAKI WILL BACK OFF
YEAH.
WHY NOT?
I KNOW
I SAID SOMETHING STRANGE~

!?
HUH?
WHA-!?
WHAT!?
YEAH, SO LET'S GO OUT!
BUT...


I STILL DON'T KNOW YOU PROPERLY

WHAT A FARCE!
LET'S START FROM BEING FRIENDS
Okay...
SQUEEZE
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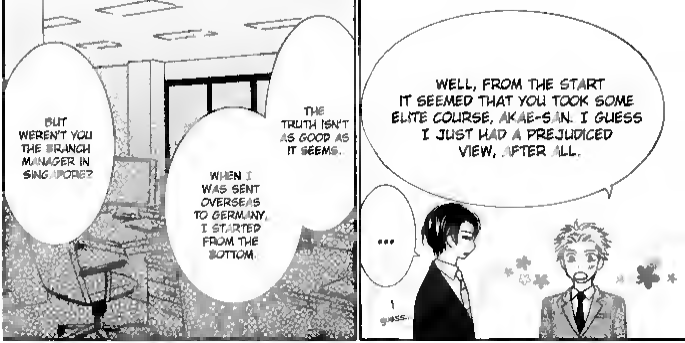
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HELPING ME LAST WEEK!
WE WERE ABLE TO DELIVER THE PARTS WITH NO PROBLEMS!

AKAE-SAN
Good morning.
IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A JOKE IF WE'D HAD TO HAVE DELIVERED IT BY TRUCK

FOR A MOMENT THERE I WASN'T SURE IT WOULD WORK OUT
I'M GLAD THAT WE COULD BE OF HELP TO YOU
YES!

I THINK IT'S MORE SURPRISING THAT YOU CAN DRIVE A TRAILER, TAKEUCHI
*These weekday in the warehouse During the 6 month training period after first entering the company the new recruits work in the warehouse and drive the trucks to deliver the goods. However this doesn't necessarily mean they also have a license for the forklift.
IS IT?
BY THE WAY AKAE-SAN YOU'VE ALSO WORKED IN THE WAREHOUSE?
THAT'S UNEXPECTED


BUT WEREN'T YOU THE BRANCH MANAGER IN SINGAPORE?
THE TRUTH ISN'T AS GOOD AS IT SEEMS.
WHEN I WAS SENT OVERSEAS TO GERMANY, I STARTED FROM THE BOTTOM.
WELL, FROM THE START IT SEEMED THAT YOU TOOK SOME ELITE COURSE, AKAE-SAN. I GUESS I JUST HAD A PREJUDICED VIEW, AFTER ALL.
...
I guess.

You just sit down, boss.
Please give us instructions.
SUBORDINATES?
That's my job.
Huh?
Wait
BUT I ACTUALLY COULDN'T TAKE A BREAK OR ELSE I WOULD HAVE ENDED UP LOOKING LIKE A PUPPET BOSS
WELL ABOUT THAT
HUH? ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING?
MY SUBORDINATES THERE WERE EXCELLENT

AKAE-SAN...
That's right. It was like that.
BUT I'VE ALWAYS WORKED HARD.
On top of that, I was demoted for such a stupid reason.
AND I'LL KEEP WORKING HARD NOW.

NO, NO, NO.
WHEN I SAW AKAE BEFORE HE WAS A LOT MORE FORWARD
HM?
AND WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?
Everyone went out drinking
Really?
Oh!
Munch, munch
I SAW YOUR PRESENTATION ON THE RESEARCH AND PLANNING IN THE MAIN OFFICE
WEREN'T YOU IN CHARGE OF THE SALES PROMOTION FOR THE OPTICAL FIBERS?
!?

YOU WERE YOUNG BUT YOU STOOD THERE BRIMMING WITH CONFIDENCE WITH AN IMPOSING AIR AROUND YOU
BACK THEN I WANTED SOME FRESH YOUTH
SO I ASKED SHIMADA-SAN TO SEND YOU TO US BUT IT WAS ALREADY DECIDED THAT YOU'D BE TRANSFERRED ABROAD
SHIMADA-SAN? THE DIRECTOR?
AND SO I THOUGHT...

HAHA!
URGH.
WHA..!?
That's Nagamine for you
How mean, chief!
THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF YOU SUFFERED A SETBACK

NAGAMINE WAS AWESOME.
OH, ME?
Oh, does he really want to go there?
AND WHAT WERE YOU LIKE WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG, CHIEF?

YES, I AM, CHIEF-DONO."
NATSUME-SAN, ARE YOU DRUNK?
senpai
kouhai
jolt
smirk
HE GOT IN TROUBLE TOO, BUT JUST IN A DIFFERENT WAY THAT'S WHY HE'S A "DEVIL."

*T/N: He says "Yes, I am" in English.

.....
Don't know what to say.
DOES IT ME IN YOU DON'T REMEMBER THEM ALL?
Guilty
DUNNO.
YOUNG AND OLD, MEN AND WOMEN, ALL JUMBLED TOGETHER. JUST HOW MANY SCENES OF CARNAGE HAVE WE WITNESSED?

SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED?
And it's true that he's the devil.
BACK THEN SHIMADA-SAN WHO WAS HIS SUPERIOR, COULDN'T BEAR TO WATCH IT AND SO PUT NAGAMINE IN CHARGE OF OUR MORE DISTANT BUSINESS INTERESTS
IT WASN'T A LAUGHING MATTER THERE WAS A TIME WHEN HE CAUSED SUCH MAYHEM TO ALL THOSE AROUND HIM
But it's not like I did it on purpose.
IT SEEMS THAT I WAS A TROUBLEMAKER.

AND THIS GUY DIDN'T GO EASY ON THOSE PEOPLE.
THEY WERE HALF-SERIOUS AND HALF FRANKS OR PAYBACK FOR ME STEALING THEIR WOMEN.
IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS THAT SERIOUS.
HE'S SAYING SOMETHING DIFFERENT NOW
DIDN'T HE TELL ME IT WAS "BECAUSE YOU'RE INTERESTING"?
...
AND I'LL PAY BACK FRANKS WITH FRANKS.
THAT'S ONLY NATURAL. I'LL BE SERIOUS WITH THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUS WITH ME.

WELL
THAT'S HOW IT IS AKAE

THAT'S RIGHT. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
"WAS THIS JUST A JOKE?"
"OR DID YOU MAKE A BET?"
THIS PERSON....
NO. THAT'S WRONG.
Aww. I wanna hear it!
My story is boring.
Natsume-san, when you were young
THIS PERSON DIDN'T BELIEVE THAT I WAS SERIOUS.

JOG
JOG
JOG
chirp
chirp
huff
huff
HAA...
huff
I THOUGHT IT'D LIGHTEN MY MOOD IF I GOT MY BODY MOVING
Gulp
Beep
I'M SO OUT OF SHAPE
CLATTER

haa
BUT IT'S NO USE
I'M AN IDIOT
SOMEONE AS SHARP AS HIM WOULD CERTAINLY NOTICE
ON TOP OF IT, WE'RE BOTH MEN
"AKAE!"
"LET'S SAVE IT RIGHT AWAY."

OH, IT'S REALLY YOU, AKAE!
JOLT
...
"IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE COULD DO IT RIGHT NOW."
HI!
CHI...
CHIEF!?

DO YOU ALWAYS RUN? WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
Do you feel sick?
No.
NO, I DON'T RUN REGULARLY
I LIVE ABOUT 2 OR 3 KM FROM HERE
BUT ISN'T YOUR STATION FAR FROM HERE, CHIEF?
HMM I LIVE ABOUT 7 OR 8 KM FROM HERE
WHICH MEANS THE ROUND TRIP IS 15 KM?
CAN I HAVE A SIP?
OH, SURE
Gulp
HE'S SWEATING A LOT

HE'S SO PALE
SO IT LOOKS STRANGE
THE AREA AROUND HIS EYES AND HIS FOREHEAD IS ALL RED.
BLUSH
NOTHING YOU JUST LOOK SEXY
Whew you're all sweaty
thump
WHAT IS IT?
stare
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S .
THAT'S..

tap
I'M NOT LIKE THAT!
WHAT'S UP?
IS MY DEVILISH SIDE FINALLY TAKING EFFECT?
Damn
smirk
HEH.
SEE?
EVEN THE CHIEF IS TROUBLED
EXCUSE ME,
WHAT IS "THAT"?
I HAVE NO IDEA.
OH
HUH?
BUT DO YOU PREFER GUYS, CHIEF?

JUST WHAT AM I SAYING!?
I was sure...
WAS THAT WHAT YOU REALLY WANTED TO KNOW?
OH...!
HERE
?
THAT'S MY DAUGHTER, IDIOT!
I'll beat the crap out of you.
HUH? ISN'T THAT A MIDDLE SCHOOLER?
CHIEF, ARE YOU A LOLI-

HUH?
DAUGHTER!?
I THOUGHT I WAS LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE
Normal, I guess?
BUT I'VE HAD MANY PARTNERS BOTH BEFORE MY MARRIAGE AND AFTER THE DIVORCE
MANY PARTNERS? WHAT THE HECK?
gloomy
WELL MY WIFE WAS SNATCHED BY ANOTHER MAN
THAT COULD HARDLY BE CONSIDERED DEVILISH
FLOMP
I WONDER WHY?
HUH?

THE DEVILISH SIDE OF ME DOESN'T WORK ON THOSE I FALL IN LOVE WITH
...NO
MAYBE I FALL IN LOVE WITH THEM BECAUSE IT DOESN'T WORK...
Neh.
jolt
CHIEF,
I...
...

WHY?
SIT
ZOMM
I...
SLUMP
OH RIGHT YOU WERE ALSO DUMPED BY A GIRL BEFORE YOU WERE TRANSFERRED
SIT
BUT SHE DUMPED ME SAYING SHE HAD A DREAM AND DIDN'T WANT TO QUIT HER JOB
I WANTED HER TO COME WITH ME SO I PROPOSED TO HER
WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM NOW?
BUT NOW I THINK IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT I WAS DUMPED.
YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD IT ALL?
BLINT
OH BUT THEN SHE QUIT THE JOB RIGHT AWAY, GOT MARRIED AND HAD A BABY

I BELIEVED THAT IF SHE CAME WITH ME, THERE WAS NO DOUBT SHE'D BE HAPPY
THAT WAS PRETTY ARROGANT OF ME
JUST AS YOU THOUGHT, I REALLY SUFFERED A SETBACK.
Pfft!
OH, ABOUT THAT
HUH?
DON'T THEY SAY THAT WHEN YOU SUFFER, YOU COME TO APPRECIATE REALITY MORE?
I THOUGHT THAT WAY YOU COULD BECOME AN EVEN BETTER MAN...

AND IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT.

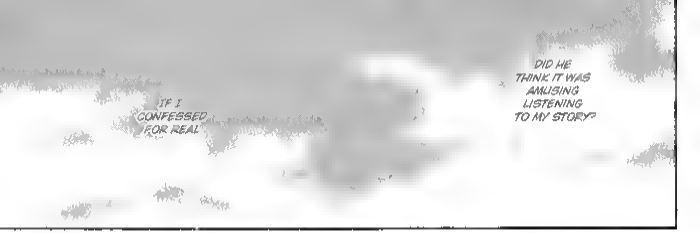
COMPARED TO THE TIME WHEN I SAW YOU BEFORE.
YOU'RE A LOT BETTER NOW
Y
YOU'RE...
...JUST FLATTERING ME
...TO MAKE ME FEEL...

grip
THAT WAS CLOSE
whisper
BETTER
BLUSH
SEE YA
clatter
I SHOULD BE HEADING BACK
YES
WHAT?
ABOUT YOUR EX.
JUST BECAUSE SHE GOT MARRIED DOESN'T MEAN SHE GAVE UP ON HER DREAM.
PEOPLE SOMETIMES TAKE LEAVE FOR A WHILE, BUT THEN THEY COME BACK.
dash dash
OH, YEAH

BUT THAT'S SOMETHING ONLY THE PERSON IN QUESTION CAN KNOW.
I'VE NEVER THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY...
AND NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU'RE YOUNG BUT SO THICKHEADED!

I'M SLOWLY FALLING IN LOVE WITH THIS MAN.
THIS IS SAD
SEE YOU AT THE OFFICE
WHAT DO I DO?

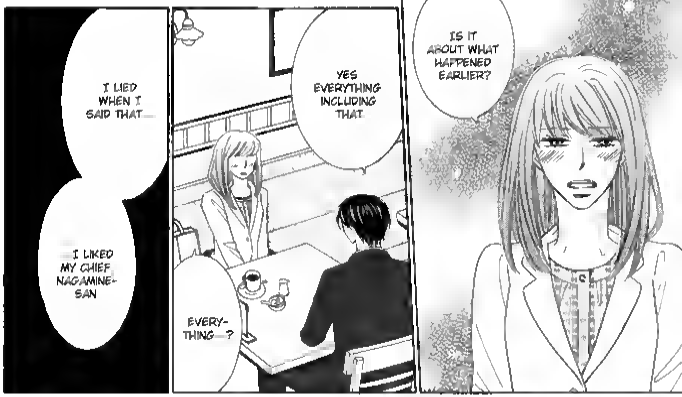
ROOFTOP
BANG BANG
what am I doing?
AND...
I HAD THE PERFECT CHANCE TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM THIS MORNING


IF I CONFESSED FOR REAL
DID HE THINK IT WAS AMUSING LISTENING TO MY STORY?

WE'D PROBABLY BE...
...THROUGH

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

AND MAKE EVERYTHING CLEAR BETWEEN US
THEREFORE I MUST TELL HIM...


IS IT ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER?
YES. EVERYTHING INCLUDING THAT.
EVERY-THING...?
I LIED WHEN I SAID THAT... I LIKED MY CHIEF NAGAMINE-SAN

I'M SORRY FOR LYING
BUT I WON'T GO OUT WITH YOU EITHER.
I'M SORRY
THAT...
DOES NAGAMINE-SAN KNOW ABOUT THIS?

NO
BUT I'LL TALK TO HIM LATER AND APOLOGIZE PROPERLY
AKAE...?
AND I'LL SPEAK TO MARI PERSONALLY
IF YOU HAVE HER NUMBER PLEASE GIVE IT TO ME
HUH?
...!
SO WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT TO CALL HER NOW...
AND TELL HER I GOT DEMOTED AND HAD AN AFFAIR WITH A COLLEAGUE?
A-ARE YOU STUPID?
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO REALLY DO THAT

!
A-AND THAT PERSON NAGAMINE-SAN... IS THERE REALLY NOTHING BETWEEN YOU?
Oh
SHIRO-
Y-YOU TWO KISSED
YOU MIGHT SAY THAT'S NOT HOW IT IS BUT WHAT ABOUT HIM?
SHIRAI!!
Jolt
THAT PERSON HAS NO FEELINGS FOR ME
BUT I DON'T WANT TO KEEP LYING TO HIM.

WASN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE THE "DEVIL"?
SHIRAKI?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
THAT'S A LIE RIGHT?
WHAT'S WITH THAT?
BUT HE SUFFERED BECAUSE OF IT AS WELL...
THERE'S SOME TRUTH TO IT
STOP IT DON'T START WITH THAT RUMOR TOO
.....!
THAT'S
WHEN WILL YOU TELL HIM?
HUH?
WHEN WILL YOU DO IT?

HUH?
IF I COULD TALK TO HIM, I'D DO IT TOMORROW
BUT THERE ISN'T A GOOD OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE'RE IN THE OFFICE
BEFORE IT WAS MORE
FOR SOME UNNATURAL REASON THE TIMING IS NEVER RIGHT
SPEAKING OF WHICH, HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT BEEN?

CAN YOU REALLY TELL HIM?
thump
....I CAN.
WE MADE A PROMISE TO MEET TOMORROW, SO I'LL TELL HIM THEN.
THEN LET ME BE THE ONE WHO SAYS IT...

...WHAT?
IT'S ALL MY FAULT, AFTER ALL. I GOT YOU INTO THIS, SO I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO NAGAMINE-SAN...
!?
YOU DON'T NEED TO GO THAT FAR, SHIRAKI!!
PLEASE!
PLEASE, AKAE
A GENTLEMAN
...HUH?
WHAT?
JUST HOW...

To be Continued

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EXCELMIOR CAFFÉ
I'M SORRY I CAUSED YOU A LOT OF TROUBLE
BECAUSE OF MY UNREASONABLE REQUEST
AND YOU WERE DRAGGED INTO THIS EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE COMPLETELY UNRELATED. I'M VERY SORRY
I SEE
fidget fidget
YOU'RE SHIRAKI-SAN, RIGHT?
YES

YOU'VE GOT GUTS
BLUUuuuSH
UNAFFECTED
Here it comes.
OH
JOLT
ARE YOU SATISFIED NOW?
OH.
SHIRAKI,
WHAT AM I DOING!?

IF I HAD REFUSED HER PROPERLY, IT WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO THIS.
I'M SORRY.
CHIEF.
HM?

AKAE
OF COURSE.
IT'S ALL AKAE'S FAULT.
I APOLOGIZE TO YOU TOO SHIRAKI

YOU KNEW?
I KNOW YOU HAD YOUR REASONS
BUT THEY WERE

You really are cursed with troubles with women. You should visit a temple to get yourself purified.
TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, IT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE THAT A GUY WHO GOT DEMOTED BECAUSE OF AN AFFAIR WOULD CONFESS TO HIS NEW BOSS, AND A MAN NO LESS.
Troubles with women?
I guess so...
Is that about me?
YOU WERE THERE WHEN AKAE CONFESSED TO ME.
!
Hah.
WELL,

WHAT!?
Blush
WHAT'S MORE YOU'RE REALLY STRAIGHT AREN'T YOU?
...IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU, ISN'T IT?
YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON NOW HAVING A MALE PARTNER...

THUMP
Oh
DON'T SAY...
HUH?
WAIT
silence

shock
RATTLE
I'M LEAVING
WHAT?
I'M SORRY FOR TAKING UP YOUR TIME EXCUSE ME
dash
SHIRA-
RATTLE
...

GRAB
JUST GO ALREADY.
SEND HER OFF PROPERLY.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
WAIT FOR ME PLEASE

turn
THEN I'LL CALL YOU
I DON'T WANT TO
pull
step

SO THIS IS THE END, HUH?
OH...
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL IF THERE ARE A FEW MORE RUMORS ABOUT ME
NOT LIKE I TRIED TO HIDE IT ANYWAY
SHE HAS QUITE A BLUNT PERSONALITY
I GUESS SHE FOUND OUT HOW I FEEL
IT'S MORE PAINFUL THAN I EXPECTED...
whisper
STEP
BUT...
WHAT'S THIS?

CHIEF.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THAT GIRL...
SHE TURNED ME DOWN
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?"
"WHY DID YOU COME AFTER ME? YOU SHOULD BE SOMEWHERE ELSE STUPID!"
"HURRY UP AND GO BACK!"
SHIRAKI NOTICED HOW I FEEL.
"I WON'T BOTHER YOU ANYMORE."
I...

I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU YET...
I STILL HAVE SOME-THING...
HUH?
WASN'T THAT YOUR PLAN?
THEN LET'S GO TO YOUR PLACE
rattle
IT'S A BIT HARD TO TALK HERE. COULD WE MOVE SOMEWHERE MORE PRIVATE?
WHAT?

ALL RIGHT
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT
clamor
clamor
I FEEL LIKE IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WERE ALONE TOGETHER
IT'S ABOUT 10 MINUTES FROM HERE
YES
IS IT THIS WAY?

CHIEF,
HAVE YOU BEEN AVOIDING ME THESE PAST FEW DAYS?

THUMP
I WAS
IT MUST HAVE JUST BEEN MY IMAGINATION I'M SORRY
NO

I KNEW YOU WANTED TO TELL ME SOMETHING ALL THIS TIME.
I SAID I KNEW FROM THE START.
BUT IF I LISTENED TO WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY, IT WOULD ALL END BETWEEN US, RIGHT?
WHAT?

SHOCK
For whatever reason...
IT WOULD'VE BEEN GREAT IF WE HAD DONE IT AT LEAST ONCE BEFORE THAT

WHAT? IF WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THAT THAT AREN'T YOU THE SAME?
JUST HOW SERIOUS IS this guy?
CHIEF DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU WERE STRAIGHT?
That's not true at all, is it?

NO...
Sorry...
A reflex?
YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY HOPELESS
If I were to describe it it was more like a reflex...
OH... I... I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME..
I THOUGHT I'D JUST PLAY A SMALL PRANK ON YOU BUT YOU ALMOST DEVOURED ME WHEN WE KISSED
!
BLUSH
I'M GLAD WE DIDN'T DO IT
IT WOULD HAVE CAUSED TOO MUCH DAMAGE
...HUH?

I JUST HAVEN'T LEARNED MY LESSON YET. HUH?
I KNEW YOU HAD NO INTENTION OF DOING IT AND STILL
AND IT WAS EVEN A PERSON WHO ISN'T AFFECTED BY MY DEVILISH SIDE.
AKAI!
WAI-
HEY.
WHAT?
GRAB

creak
I DON'T UNDERSTAND MUCH ABOUT YOUR DEVILISH SIDE
CLICK
I'M SORRY
DON'T SUDDENLY START RUNNING
WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF SUDDEN?
hea
hea

CLOSE
BUT I LIKE YOU

THE TRUTH IS, IT WASN'T MY INTENTION AT FIRST.
BUT WHEN I WAS WITH YOU, I SLOWLY FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU.
WON'T YOU GO OUT WITH ME FOR REAL THIS TIME?
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG! THERE'S NO HIDDEN AGENDA THIS TIME
I'M SERIOUS
OH.
turn
WELL, ANYWAY, CAN I COME IN?
CHIEF!

ARE YOU...
SAYING THAT FOR REAL?
...I AM.
WHAT?
HE DOESN'T SEEM SHOCKED NOR IS HE TRYING TO TURN IT INTO A JOKE.
HMMM... WELL...
WHAT'S WITH THAT REACTION?
YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO PLAY A PRANK ON SOMEONE
CHIEF...!
I WAS GLAD THAT YOU CALLED ME "YOU" BEFORE
SO TRY CALLING ME BY MY FIRST NAME. YOU KNOW WHAT MY FIRST NAME IS, RIGHT?
STOP THAT... IT'S TOTALLY UNROMANTIC
WHAT IS HE THINKING?
EIJI: Akira called Nagatomo "Eiji" which is a rather familiar way of saying "you".

YUKIJI.
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT ABOUT THE HONORIFIC?
YUKIJI-SAN!
YOU DON'T NEED TO USE ANY HONORIFIC
HUH?

!
NGH!
AH...
KISS
haa
haa

CHIEF-
YUKIJI-SAN...
hug
CAN I REALLY BELIEVE YOU?
THIS PERSON

BEEN
NO IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE
COULD IT BE THAT ALL THIS TIME
HE'S.
HURTING MORE THAT ANYONE COULD IMAGINE?
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU
IN THAT CASE WHAT I DID WAS...

YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO DO IT WITH ME ONCE
HAVE YOU TRIED IMAGINING WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO DO IT WITH ME?
AKAE?
grab
...THE WORST!
I HAVE.
AS YOU SAID, DOING IT WITH A MAN IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME.
AND IF YOU SAY THAT YOUR DEVILISH SIDE DOESN'T AFFECT ME,
THEN THE ONLY REASON I WANT TO DO THIS IS BECAUSE I'M SERIOUS!

WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
I KNOW I BROUGHT THIS UPON MYSELF,
BUT IF YOU SAY THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER,

THAT'S RIGHT.
SAYING "IT DOESN'T MATTER" IS A LIE.
THIS TIME...
...IT WAS MY BAD.
ruffle
SORRY AKAE

tug
IF WE DO IT FOR REAL AND NOT JUST IN OUR IMAGINATION,
I MIGHT BELIEVE YOU
HAHA!
Uwah!
CAN NEVER BE A MATCH FOR THIS PERSON

BUT
YUKIJI-SAN,
creak
I LIKE YOU.
creak
shudder
creak
AH!
creak
haa
AH!
I LIKE YOU!
creak
I'D BE HAPPY IF I CAN SATISFY...
YUKIJI-SAN!

PLEASE BELIEVE ME
...THIS PERSON WHOM I'VE HURT SO MUCH EVEN JUST A LITTLE.
click
HM THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL
Ahaha!
STOP SAYING THAT?
Are you an old man?
ASHTRAY
I WON'T
AND IN 10 YEARS TIME YOU'LL BE ONE TOO
Yes, I am.
Wanna make a bet?
Huh?
10 YEARS
That means...
Hehe.
IT'S FINE RIGHT?
And I win if I make my bets father?

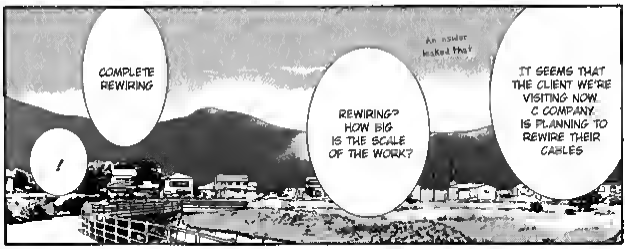
DOES THIS MEAN IT ALL TURNED OUT WELL IN THE END?

To be Continued

"I'M NOT AGAINST LOVE AFFAIRS BETWEEN COLLEAGUES BUT GOSSIPS ARE A NO-GO."
CHIEF YOU'RE VISITING THE CLIENTS THIS AFTERNOON RIGHT?
CAN YOU CHECK THIS WHEN YOU COME BACK?
OKAY.
CHIEF
ROGER.
IT'S TRUE I SAID THAT ON HIS FIRST DAY.
I'M GOING AHEAD

BUT TO THINK
THAT I WOULD
ACTUALLY BECOME
INVOLVED IN ONE

WHAT IS IT?
stare
BUT THIS GUY DIDN'T HAVE ANY INTENTION OF GETTING INVOLVED EITHER
HOW DID IT TURN OUT LIKE THIS?


COMPLETE REWIRING
!
REWIRING? HOW BIG IS THE SCALE OF THE WORK?
An owner looked like that
IT SEEMS THAT THE CLIENT WE'RE VISITING NOW, C COMPANY, IS PLANNING TO REWIRE THEIR CABLES

twitch
YOU BET.
...IF WE GET THIS CONTRACT, IT WILL BE A BIG PROJECT.
THEN...
MOREOVER, IF THE HANAGAYA FACTORY CAN SWITCH THEM OVER FROM THE BETA SYSTEM, WE CAN EASILY SELL THEM ALL OF OUR PRODUCTS.

HUH?
DO YOU WANT TO BE IN CHARGE OF IT?
AKAI,
YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT OPTICAL FIBERS RIGHT? YOU CAN EASILY LEARN THE BITS YOU DON'T KNOW YET.
AND YOU CAN DISCUSS THAT WITH THE TECHNOLOGY GROUP OF COURSE
ALL RIGHT
A PROMPT ANSWER
Heh.
I'LL DO IT
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
IT WILL BE A BIG PROJECT, BUT IF IT'S YOU, I'M SURE YOU CAN DO IT

YES, IT WILL BE DONE THIS WAY.
THEN I'LL SLOWLY START HANDING IT OVER TO HIM
I'LL BE IN YOUR CARE
I HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS
SINCE YOU'RE THE ONE RECOMMENDING HIM, I'M SURE IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT
I'LL WORK AS SUPPORT FOR THE TIME BEING. BUT WORK HIM HARD PLEASE.
Ahaha
ALL RIGHT.
YES.
LET'S DROP BY THE ACTUAL SITE BEFORE WE RETURN.
That's right.
There are still areas outside the telecommunication market we haven't explored yet.

Hm.
!
YUKI-
BB.
YOU'RE IN THE MAIN OFFICE AREN'T YOU, ISHIMOTO-SAN?
IT HAS DO YOU HAVE A MEETING TODAY?
HELLO NAGAMINE-SAN.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME
REMEMPER HIS FACE. THIS PERSON IS A BIG-SHOT IN THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.
YES?
jolt
OH! THAT'S RIGHT AKAE.
THIS PERSON
.CALLED HIM "YUKI" JUST NOW

ISHIMOTO-SAN THIS IS OUR NEW EMPLOYEE
I PLAN TO PUT HIM IN CHARGE OF OUR PROJECT HERE PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM
So you'll be able to recognize him later
drag drag
UWAH!
MY NAME IS AKAE
Don't pull me
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME
Shut up
NICE TO MEET YOU

CHIEF
WHAT?
ISHIMOTO-SAN WAS GLARING AT ME QUITE A LOT JUST NOW.
Oh...
IT'S FINE IT'S FINE THAT GUY ISN'T USUALLY HERE
...THAT GUY"?
DAMN

WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK, IDIOT.
LET'S GET BACK.
...OKAY.
thump
YUKIJI-SAN.
AKAE,
DO YOU WANT SOME COFFEE?
IT WILL TAKE A BIT LONGER...
RATTLE
WHY OF ALL TIMES ARE WE BOTH WORKING OVERTIME TODAY?
I want to make him finish quickly so I can explain to him properly.
click
click

CHIEF...
BREAK ROOM
...
I NEED A BREAK
IT'S FINE
I'LL MAKE IT
WERE YOU PERHAPS WAITING FOR ME?
WHAT?
I'M FREE SO I COULD GIVE YOU A HAND
DO YOU STILL HAVE WORK TO DO?
Um...
YES
P♯♯♯t!
HE S SERIOUSLY CUTE

YUKIJI-SAN
HEY, HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
We're in the office!
BUT DIDN'T YOU HUG ME BEFORE?
I STILL HAVE WORK TO DO!
I'M SORRY JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE
GEEZ...
SEEMS WE'VE DITCHED THE WORK COMPLETELY

haa
kiss
step
step
YUKIJI-SAN..
SOMEONE'S COMING
SO
SOMEONE CAME BACK
OH
HN..
kiss
...
THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE RETURNING NOW
ACCORDING TO THE EMPLOYEES MEETING AND RETURN PLAN
SQUEEEEEEZE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Na-
NATSUME-SAN, THIS IS..!
WAH!?
Wah-
YUKI ..
SQUEEZE
HEY.

LIKE I KNOW
What did I do?
YOU JERK! YOU DID IT ON PURPOSE?
!?
OH, NATSUME-SAN, WELCOME BACK
SO WE GOT BUSTED?
STOP!
THAT'S NATSUME-SAN FOR YOU
DON'T DRAG ME INTO THIS!!
OH!
!
clap
clap
Don't play dumb.
YOU THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT IF AT LEAST SOMEONE KNEW, RIGHT?
C'MON, IT'S ALL RIGHT ISN'T IT?
AFTER ALL, AKAE WON'T BE STAYING HERE FOR LONG

HUH?
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM! IT
C'MON, CALM DOWN.
DOES THAT MEAN...?
...HE'S DISTRACTED. WHAT HAPPENED?
BUT HE'S DOING HIS WORK PROPERLY
SOMEHOW...
spaced out
THAT'S RIGHT... I WASN'T ABLE TO EXPLAIN ABOUT ISHIMOTO-SAN
HUH?
I HAVE SOME GOOD BOOZE AT HOME.
MMM,
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO EAT TODAY? OR SHALL WE EAT AT HOME?
glance
AFTER WORK

Blush
WHAT?
MY BAD. DO YOU HAVE OTHER PLANS?
IT'S THE WEEKEND, SO I SELFISHLY THOUGHT WE COULD GO HOME TOGETHER.
NO,
YOU'RE WRONG.
I...
CAN I REALLY COME TO YOUR PLACE, CHIEF?
HUH?
OF COURSE!
THAT WAS THE PROBLEM?
THEN
LET'S HAVE SOMETHING LIGHT
RATTLE

.....

YUKIJI-SAN
YEAH?
AKAE TOO
IT'S HARD TO TELL IF HE'S FORCEFUL OR JUST DISCREET
SOMEHOW IT'S VERY AWKWARD RIGHT NOW
what the hack?
Totally wanting to do it

OH

THAT'S BECAUSE HE'S ALWAYS ON GUARD AROUND ME

AND IT SEEMS THAT HE'S NOT ATTRACTED TO YOU EVEN A LITTLE

JUST YOU HAVE COMPLETE FAITH IN HIM.

WHAT'S WITH THAT ALL OF SUDDEN?

HE SAW THE CARNAGE HAPPENING AROUND ME FROM THE START
IN THE PAST, WE WORKED IN DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS BUT WE WERE ON THE SAME FLOOR

ON HIS LIST?
step
step step
I MEAN OF COURSE HE WAS GOING OUT WITH SOME-ONE.
THERE WAS ALREADY SOMEONE HIGHER ON HIS LIST THAN ME
AND WHEN WE STARTED WORKING TOGETHER,

THANK YOU.
HERE.
silence
SORRY FOR THE INTRUSION.
CLICK
COME IN

BUT YOUR DEVILISH SIDE WORKED ON ISHIMOTO-SAN, DIDN'T IT?
OH, ABOUT HIM
DIDN'T YOU TWO GO OUT?
OH
I'M SORRY. FORGET THAT I SAID THAT.
PRETEND YOU DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING!
BUT I HEARD IT...
I'VE...
...LOST MY COMPOSURE
I'M SORRY...

THU MP
YOU REALLY LIKE ME DON'T YOU?
HUH?
ISN'T IT A BIT LATE TO BE SAYING THAT NOW!?
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED TO ME
UGH...
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ISHIMOTO
BUT THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN US ANYMORE AND THAT MEETING WAS JUST A-
I SAID IT'S FINE!
BUT IF IT'S BOTHERING YOU, IT'S BETTER TO GET IT OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM, ISN'T IT?
IT'S FINE DON'T WORRY
THEN WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?

PUSH
WHOA!?
HUH?
TUG
AKAE
THIS WAY
YOU CAN RELAX
I WON'T GET ANGRY. SO SPIT IT OUT.
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER.

I KNOW...
...THAT UNLIKE ME, THIS ISN'T YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A MAN.
BUT
...I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT YOU WITH ANOTHER MAN.
EVEN IF IT WAS IN THE PAST...
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!
OF COURSE NOT.
YOU THINK I'M BEING CHILDISH, DON'T YOU?
THEN *PLEASE* STOP SMILING LIKE THAT.
I WAS SMILING?
...
NO, NO! I JUST... COULDN'T...
AKAE...

HELP MYSELF
YOU'RE CUTE
KISS
Blush
FLOMP
GRAB
DON'T JOKE WITH ME SO MUCH.
OH.
I GET IT. LET GO OF ME.
DIDN'T I SAY I'VE LOST MY COMPOSURE?

T/N Kotegaeshi is an aikido rotation wrist lock technique.

WHAT?
YOU MAY NOT HAVE REALIZED IT SINCE MY CHARM DOESN'T WORK ON YOU,
BUT FOR ME,
KNOWING THESE SELF-DEFENSE TECHNIQUES IS ESSENTI...
BUT THESE CHILDISH TRICKS HAVE A LIMITED USE.

HUH?
...BECAUSE ALL OF THEM STOPPED WHEN I TOLD THEM TO.
I'VE BEEN IN SOME SERIOUSLY DANGEROUS SITUATIONS BUT THEY ALL ENDED UP WELL...
EVEN THOSE OVERBEARING MEN AND WOMEN WITH KNIVES...
STOPPED WHEN I TOLD THEM TO STOP

IT SOUNDS A BIT SELFISH AND WARPED...
BUT YOU'RE NOT LIKE THAT, AND THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU
IF YOU'RE ROUGH WITH ME
BUT... I MIGHT SERIOUSLY LIKE IT
dizzy
CLENCH
DO YOU MEAN...
...THAT ANYONE WHO ISN'T AFFECTED BY YOUR DEVILISH SIDE WOULD DO?

AH, DAMN,
I NEVER MEANT TO TELL YOU THAT.
OH...
AND IT WAS ME WHO FOUND YOU FIRST!
OF COURSE NOT!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'D FALL IN LOVE WITH ALL THOSE WHO AREN'T ACTUALLY ATTRACTED TO ME!
!
SHOVE
THE REASON WHY I WANTED TO HAVE YOU WITH ME...
...WAS SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU WERE MY TYPE!
WHAT?
AND NOW YOU'RE EVEN COOLER THAN BEFORE...
...AND UNEXPECTEDLY HONEST AND CUTE

ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THAT ANSWER?
...
YES.
...
.....

YUKIJI
tug
HUH?
DO YOU WANT ME TO BE ROUGH WITH YOU?

touch
HN...
THEN I WON'T DO IT
I'LL BE VERY GENTLE WITH YOU
kiss
YOU LIKE THAT ABOUT ME, DON'T YOU?
kiss
BLUSH
HUMP
WHA-!?
All of a sudden?

THAT I WON'T LISTEN TO YOU
HUG
YOU'RE A REALLY

GOOD MAN
YUKIJI-SAN
THRUST
...UGH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
shiver shiver
OF...
OF COURSE I'M NOT!
haa
haa

I'M GETTING FRUSTRATED HERE
haa
THROB
I'M FINE NOW
SO START MOVING
SHOVE IT IN ALL THE WAY.
...!
SNAP
IF YOU DON'T DO IT, THEN I'LL RIDE YOU AND START MOVING MYSELF.
!?

I'D LIKE YOU TO DO THAT NEXT TIME
SQUEEZE
AHAHA!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CALM AND COMPOSED?
I'M NO SUCH THING
I'M JUST
VERY HAPPY AND EXCITED
KISS

SQUEEZE
AH!
AH... HAA...
AH.
SO DEEP...
...!
THRUST
UGH... AAAH!
NGH
hea
AAAH...!
THRUST

THRUST
THRUST
THRUST
AH!
haa
AH!
AH!
...AH!
AH, AKAE...
HANG ON A SEC...
haa
YUKIJI
shudder
shudder
AH!
NGH!
haa
haa
I'M HAPPY TOO...
HM?
ACTUALLY LET ME FACE YOU.

AH!
UWAH!
thrust
twist
haa
haa
HEHE.
THIS WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO WATCH YOU WHEN YOU COME
THUMP
Ugh
AAAAH!
AH!
THRUST

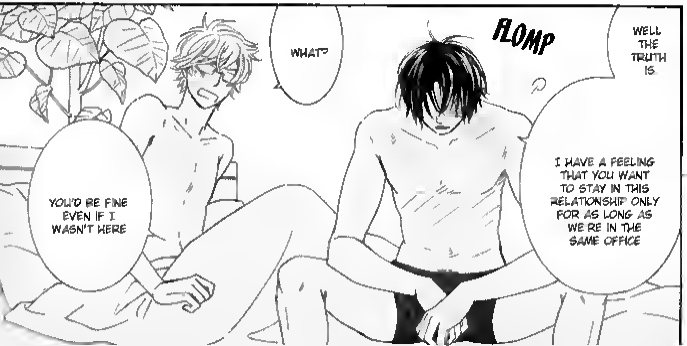
AH!
AAH!
I'M
I'M...
COMING..
AKAE
YOU...
haa
AH!
haa
THRUST
GO-
THRUST
THRUST
YOU TOO...
haa
GOOD...
SHIVER
...NN!
AH!
haa
twitch twitch
AH...
...!
stroke
splurt
schlip
schlip
schlip

haa
haa
haa
YUKIJI-SAN
I LIKE YOU
YEAH
I—
—LIKE YOU, TOO

ALTHOUGH I'VE TOLD YOU THAT

THAT GOES FOR YOU TOO
HUH?
What?
.....

YOU STILL DON'T COMPLETELY TRUST ME


WHAT?
FLOMP
WELL THE TRUTH IS
I HAVE A FEELING THAT YOU WANT TO STAY IN THIS RELATIONSHIP ONLY FOR AS LONG AS WE'RE IN THE SAME OFFICE
YOU'D BE FINE EVEN IF I WASN'T HERE

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY "AKAE WON'T BE STAYING HERE FOR LONG"?
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, YOU WERE JUST STATING THE TRUTH.
BUT HEARING YOU SAY IT SO CALMLY REALLY HURT.
THERE'S NO WAY I WAS CALM, YOU IDIOT!
SMACK!
OUCH!
ARGH..
AND JUST WHY DO YOU THINK I TOOK YOU TO ALL THOSE MEETINGS WITH THE CLIENTS?
HUH?
I HAVE NO RIGHT TO RESTRAIN SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO LEAVE
BUT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT IF YOU WANTED TO WORK IN OUR DEPARTMENT OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF BREAKING UP WITH YOU!
UGH!
Either for you or me
BUT IT WOULD ALL END IF A LETTER OF APPOINTMENT ARRIVED
AT LEAST YOU REALIZE THAT
I WAS TOO SHALLOW-MINDED
I'M SORRY
I'm not hiding it!
Won't you show me your face?
I
REALLY LIKE YOU
AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT I LIKE YOU
.....

P-f-f-f-t!
AHAHAHA!
IF WE CAN REAFFIRM THAT OVER AND OVER AGAIN
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE'RE TOGETHER OR APART
Oh, you're trying to stop me now?
Ever Since Akae-san joined us
THAT WAS MY PLAN ALL ALONG
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT BUT STAY HERE FOREVER
WE'RE AT THE TOP OF THE SALES AMONG ALL THE OFFICES THIS MONTH
When should I tell him the truth?
Shut up
Ah
Au right?

The END

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No.350

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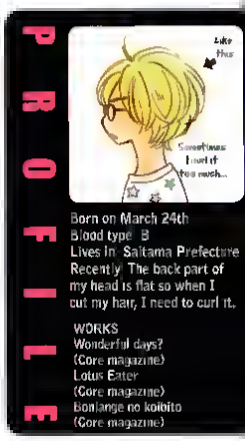
The former super elite Akae used to work abroad, but to solve the problem of his affair with a colleague, he gets demoted into the Japanese branch office

The one waiting for Akae is the devilish boss Nagamine who seems to never take a lover and makes everyone around him his slave

RIGHT AFTER THE WELCOME PARTY FROM CHAPTER ONE
!?
HM?
YOU GOT IT WRONG! I WAS JUST LOOKING AT HIS EYELASHES
WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
MY EYE-LASHES ARE WHITE TOO
Wanna have a look too, Takeuchi?
HAAH!?
I'VE HEARD THAT THE EYELASHES ARE THE LAST OF BODY HAIR...
that turn white
Huh?
That means...
HE SHOWED IT TO AKIE LATER EVEN WHEN HE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE IT.
GYAAA!
HM? WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE?
I kinda wanna... see it
There's no need!!



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10 years later

Hanagaya Eigyousho ni inai Kare {ra}

Nagamine is too cool and charming
and so Akae always keeps an eye on him.
(Their situation doesn t change)
They work together abroad
(Nagamine followed Akae)
But they've already decided to live together
in Hanagaya when they return back to Japan.

Hello, nice to meet you again I'm Tenzen Momoko
This is my 17th book Thank you for picking it up
At first I wanted to make Hanagaya Eigyousho a cheerful story about salary men And from the start, one of the characters was supposed to have white hair I remember that much When I started to draw, I felt anxious Will this manga be all right? The first story is a long way from your usual love story
(I'm just as anxious again, but now I'm used to that)
When I was drawing it, I didn't see it, but recently I realized that all the men in the story say how attractive Nagamine is I never realized that before!! But I was happy that I could draw the story
And I'll be happy if you enjoy it
Special thanks to my editor, Kitamura-sama, to everyone who participated on the creation and sales of the book and to all my readers
See you again May 2013
Tenzen Momoko